ENDING OF THE INVESTIGATING Robert Mazet yesterday declined to make any comment upon a report that the sudden ending of the Mazet Committee's investigation was due in part to the desire of Frank Moss, of the committee's counsel, to call Senator Platt as a witness and in part to the preparations which Mr. Moss had made to disclose alleged irregularities in the ademnation of property for the protection of the roton watershed. On the day when the investition was stopped Mr. Moss had summoned sev-

witnesses from Putnam County and West-ater County, who were supposed to be able to stify regarding the large sums awarded by the amissioners appointed to appraise property taken by the city for the protection of the watershed. Ex-Assemblyman Addis, a Republican leader in Putnam County, was said to have had a talk with Mr. Mazet about the time of the sudden adjournment of the investigation.

Mr. Addis is reported to have been a member of two of the commissions for appraising lands to be iken in Putnam County, and to have received \$20 day for his services. The work of the commisns has cost the city enormous sums of money, and has been kept dragging along to the benefit of mmissioners who were appointed because of their

attiteal influence. Mr. Moss yesterday said he could not talk about the subject. He admitted that he had called several witnesses, who could not testify on account of the sudden adjournment of the investigation.

Mr. Mazet would give no information yesterday as to the next meeting of the Maxet Committee to exree upon a report to the Legislature. He declared that he would have no more information to give regarding the investigation until the report of his committee was presented to the Legislature.

JUSTICE BARNARD RETIRES.

HIS THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE

SUPREME COURT BENCH ENDED. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 30.-After thirty-six cars of service on the Supreme Court bench, Jus-ce Joseph F. Barnard retired to-day. He reached the age limit of seventy years in 1893, but under a titutional amendment which was passed for his benefit, in order to finish the term for which he was elected, he has from year to year been appointed by the Governor.

The courtroom was almost turned into a flower The courtroom was almost turned into a nower garden this morning, and forty members of the bar assembled to bid him farewell as a judge and greet him as a private citizen. Addresses were made by William H. Wood and Allison Butts, to which Justice Barnard responded with emotion.

NOT PLEDGED TO MR. WOODRUFF.

WHAT SENATOR PLATT SAYS REGARDING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

Friends of Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff have been active recently in spreading reports that he is favored by the Republican organization of the State of New-York for the nomination for Vice-President by the Republican National Convention in 1900. Senator Platt has been declared to be in favor of Mr. Woodruff, and there has been an understanding among the politicians of city that if Senator Platt controls the New-York delegation to the Republican National Convention the delegation will be for Woodruff. Senator Platt said yesterday: "I have not said to anybody that I am pledged to the support of Mr. Woodruff for Vice-President or that the Republican organization of the State will be for him. I like Mr. Woodruff and consider him a good Republican, but there have been no pledges given for his support by me or by the State organization. I think it is too early to tell who will be the Republican candidate for Vice-President, and I have said so several times."

INVESTMENT IN COAL LANDS.

BENATOR GORMAN'S BROTHER ONE OF THE PUR-CHASERS OF A LARGE TRACT IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 30 (Special).-William H. Gorman, a brother of ex-Senator Arthur P. Gorman, and Hatfield & Hilletts, coal dealers, of Philadelphia, have jointly purchased 1,400 acres of coal lands in Preston County, this State, just east of Austen, near the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and between that place and Oakland, Md. The new purchase lies near the lands of the Austen Coal oke Company. The new company will build lish a town. A few days ago Mr. Gorman and Mr. Hatfield looked carefully over the field.

The Hite Coal and Coke Company is a new con-The Hite Coal and Coke Company is a new con-cern, composed largely of Philadelphia capitalists, who have already driven a heading a considerable distance. The company has seven hundred acres and will make a specialty of manufacturing coke. The branch railroad to tap the new field starts near Newburg, and will be built at comparatively small cost, as the grade is not difficult. The plan of development of the Hite company includes the construction of twenty houses. The Hite Brothers, of Fairmont, coal men of long standing, are in-terested.

Philip McDonald has bought the timber right of bout one thousand acres of land on Middle Ridge, lampshire County, W. Va., and will erect a large imber manufacturing plant.

NO INJUNCTION FOR "THE ONLY WAY."

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 30 .- In the Superior Court to-day Judge Williams refused to grant an injunction restraining Henry Miller and the Charles Froh man company from producing the play entitled "The Only Way." Colgate Baker, a Milwauk-e newspaper man, instituted the injunction proceed-ings, asking heavy damages and an accounting from Mr. Frohman as to receipts from the play Baker claimed the production was an infringement on the name 'The Only Way,' which he claimed to have copyrighted. Judge Williams declared there was lacking the element of competition in the plays of Charles Frohman and Mr. Baker which bear the same title. They were as unlike as could be, and the property rights of the plaintiff were not invaded.

THE FIGHT AGAINST GRUBER.

The election district captains who are opposed to the leadership of Abraham Gruber in the Republican organization of the XXIst Assembly District passed some resolutions the other evening declaring that Mr. Gruber "is opposed to the policy of President McKinley, is opposed to Governor Rosseveit, and intends to endeavor to secure the election be hostile to Governor Roosevelt and to his admin Republican delegation to the State Convention favorable to President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt, and provided for the appointment of committees to run an anti-Gruber ticket at the Republican primaries in the XXIst District in March. It was stated that George C. Austin would be the choice of the anti-Gruber faction for leader of the district organization, and that he would head the ticket against Mr. Gruber for delegates to the State Convention. Robert C. McCormick

Friends of Mr. Gruber said yesterday that it was noticeable that the resolutions contained no mennoticeable that the resolutions contained no mention of Senator Platt, who is believed to have inspired the opposition to Mr. Gruber in the district organization. The real reason for the opposition, it was declared, was the open defiance of Senator Platt by Mr. Gruber. The election district captains, who are leaders of the opposition, are declared to be office holders, who are forced to do Senator Platt's bidding or lose their places in the employ of the Federal Government. Mr. Gruber has declared that he is not going to worry about the coming fight at the March primaries, because the office holders among the Republicans in the district are comparatively few in number.

SEGUIN CHIMES AT ST. ANDREW'S.

Seguin Chimes, St. Andrew's Church, One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave., by J. Grant Senia, beginning at 11:45 o'clock to-night;

"Seguin Chime Changea."
"Across the Sky the Shades of Night."
"Lead, Kindly Light."
"The Day is Gently Sinking to a Close."
"Abide with Me."

12 O'CLOCK.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."
"Red, White and Blue."
"Bee, the Conquering Hero Comes."
"Unfuri the Banner."
"Hail, Columbia."
"Blue Bella of Scotland."
"America."
"Coming Tage."

CHAIRMEN OF SOME OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES CHOSEN.

FIRST SESSION ON WEDNESDAY NEXT-OUT-

LINES OF BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED. Albany, Dec. 30 .- The 123d session of the New-State Legislature convenes on Wednesday next at noon, At that time the Senate will be called to order by Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, and the Assembly by the clerk of the last session, Colonel Archie E. Baxter. The Senate will show no change, either in membership or officers, the Senators beginning on that day their second year of a two-year term. There will be no change in the committees, those of last year

The officers of the Senate are: Presiding officer Lieutenant Governor Woodruff; president pro tem., Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth; clerk, James A. Whipple, of Cattaraugus; sergeant at arms, Harry Jacquillard, of Kings; stenographer, A. B. Sackett, of Ontario.

The Assembly will practically begin its business on Tuesday night, January 2, when the Republicans will hold a caucus in the Assembly chamber and select the candidates, who the next day will be declared officers of the house. The Democrats will also select candidates, but only one of their selections, unless it be a doorkeeper, will serve in any capacity, Dr. Barnes, the candidate for Speaker, who is to be the Democratic leader on the floor. The Assembly will elect the following: Speaker Fred S. Nixon, of Chautauqua; clerk, A. E. Baxter of Chemung; assistant clerk, Ray B. Smith, of Onondaga; stenographer, H. C. Lammert, of Kings; sergeant at arms, F. W. Johnson, of Chautaugua; doorkeeper, W. H. Craig, of Monroe

When the Assembly is organized for business both the Senate and that body will send to the Governor ommittees to inform him that the Legislature is ready for business. The Governor will then trans mit his annual message, which will be read in both houses. In both branches following the reading message bills will be introduced.

Both branches will adjourn, either until Monday night, January 8, or Wednesday, the 10th, when the Speaker of the Assembly will announce his So far as is known the following chairmen have

Ways and Means, J. P. Allds, of Chenango; Canals, Hill, of Erie; Cities, Kelsey, of Livingston; Canais, fini, of Erie; Cities, Resey, of Livinsson, Judiciary, Fish, of Madison; Taxation, De Graw, of Kings; Codes, Delaney, of Onondaga; Railroads, Bedell, of Orange; Insurance, Coughtry, of Albany; General Laws, Burnett, of Ontario; Electricity and Gas, Witter, of Tioga; Labor, Costello, of Oswego; Banks, McEwen, of Albany.

Briefly summarized, some of the measures to be introduced include;

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introduced include:
A bill to regulate trusts, that will not be too radical to be enforced. A bill to regulate trusts, that will not be too radical to be enforced.

Froviding for the unification of the educational systems of the State.

Making either three or five rounds the limit for sparring exhibitions under the Horton law.

Appropriating \$2,000,000 a year for five years to complete the canal improvements.

Providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission to prepare changes in the New-York City charter.

Appropriating more money for the carrying out the provisions of the Franchise Tax bill.

Providing for more foresters for protection of forest and game.

Doing away with fees to county treasurers from the collateral inheritance collections.

Compelling barbers to pass an examination, and providing an inspection committee for shops, so as to increase their sanitary condition.

Reducing the price of gas in New-York City to 50 cents a 1,000 feet.

Creating a commission to take charge of all new bridges and tunnels near New-York City. The commission is not to be empowered to buy any franchises, but all franchises, with the exception of the one obtained by the Long Island Radiroad are to be repealed.

Providing for the consolidation of the school system of the five boroughs of New-York City

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The election bill of last year, approved recently by the City Club, clearing up the definition of a void ballot and making more definite the provisions relating to judicial review.

The bill giving the Astoria Gas Company the right to build a tunnel. The bill styring the right to sprinkle its fight to build a tunnel.

Giving New-York City the right to sprinkle its own streets. sifeets. ng the number of bills to be passed by the

CONSOLIDATION IN FALL RIVER.

ITS EFFECTS FAVORABLE TO HOLDERS OF CORPORATION STOCK.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 30.-Consolidation has been the order of the day, so far as the industrial interests of this city are concerned, during the last twelve months. The greatest combination of all, the "Selling Committee" of the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association, controls practically The purchase lies above the lands of the Hite Coal and Coke Company, and the Baltimore and Ohio branch—plans for which have been completed for construction to lands of the latter, a distance of two miles—will be continued to the Gorman tract.

Manufacturers Association, controls practically all of the cotton cloth mills in this city. Its powers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year, until now ers have been added to during the year. six hundred hands, has been absorbed by the American Thread Company, and a mammoth new mill will be built by that trust here in the spring, with a capacity of 100,000 spindles and giving em-ployment to about one thousand hands. The spool and bobbin mill, a paying concern here, has been absorbed by the spool and bobbin combine. The Union Belt Company, which has been paying ex-tremely large dividends, has come under control of the Belt Trust, and the Globe Yarn and Sanford Spinning mills have been purchased by the New-England Yarn Company. The Fall River Bleachery, with a surplus fund as large as its original capital stock, is now a member of a bleaching trust, and the management of the Parker and the three Hargraves mills has been consolidated. The Eddy Woollen Mill has been bought by the American Woollen Trust and dismantled, thus removing the last vestige of that industry from this city. The business for the year has been enormous, and the dividends given to stockholders have averaged 8 per cent. The new dividend year promises even better than the old, the outlook being for an annual dividend of 8 per cent.

SURROGATE'S YEARLY REPORT

RECORD OF BUSINESS HANDLED BY THE OFFICE IN 1899.

The annual report of the work done in the Sur rogate's office for 1896, prepared by Edward W. Bonynge, Deputy Chief Clerk, was submitted yesterday. It showed that 4.462 special motions were heard and disposed of; 3,270 written decisions were handed down; 462 hearings in will contests took place, 1,938 wills were offered for probate, of which ,835 were admitted and 11 rejected; 1.740 letters 1,855 were admitted and 11 rejected; 1.740 letters testamentary were granted; 1.915 decrees on final accountings. The total number of orders and decrees entered and signed was 22,432, and 3,603 letters of administration were issued.

The quarterly return of estates made to the Controller of the State of New-York and to the Controller of the city of New-York show that there were 1,335 testate estates and 3,023 intestate estates, and that the amount of taxes certified to the Controller as assessed and fixed was 1984,525, and the amount of property reported taxable \$2,1876.

BOLD FOOTPADS IN BROOKLYN,

ENGINEER OF A STEAMER POUNCED UPON AND

Last night at 7 o'clock a daring holdup occurred at Joralemon and Furman sts., Brooklyn. The steamer Aldenrose is lying at the end of Joralemon-st. William Connors, the engineer, had been in Manhattan, and was on the way to his vessel Suddenly two men jumped upon him and pinloned his hands to his sides as they started to go through his pockets. Connors, who is a sturdy man, broke away, and fought the robbers. One of them was knocked down, and Connors is sure that the man has a black eye by way of remembering the oc casion. Two against one was too much for the engineer, and in the mix up they succeeded in getengineer, and in the mix up they succeeded in getting his watch, valued at \$75, and \$34 in cash. Connors made his way to the Amity-st, police station and reported the case. Detective Sergeant Rhoades and Detective Clare went out and later brought in Thomas Marron, thirty-three years old, of No. 294 Furman-st, and Patrick Smith, of No. 286 Furman-st. They were locked up. Both had the appearance of having been in a fight, but no watch or money was found on them. The police think that there may have been a third man in the party.

FIRE NEAR THE ULMER PARK CASINO.

There was a fire in Ulmer Park last night which caused a damage of about \$10,000. Fire broke out in the one story frame building in the rear of the Casino, which contains the electric light and ice plants. The engines from Coney Island, Bath Beach and Brighton Beach responded. The fire was extinguished before the machinery was dam-aged beyond repair.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARDINER BETTER, District Attorney Gardiner has written a letter be still has the plaster cast on his breast, one of his ribs being broken. It hurts him to move, as he writes that he "screams" when he has to move. He hopes to get the plaster off in a day or two.

OBITUARY.

EUGENE V. SMALLEY.

Eugene Virgil Smalley, whose death at St. Paul was recorded in yesterday's Tribune, was born in Randolph, Ohio, on July 18, 1841. He was educated in the public schools of Ohio and New-York and spent one year in the New-York Central College, at McGrawville. He served in the 7th Ohio Infantry in the Civil War. He did some corresponding for newspapers from the front. Shortly before the close of the war he was discharged on acc wounds. In 1865 he was appointed clerk of the Mili-tary Committee of the House of Representatives and retained the place until 1873, meantime doing some work for newspapers outside of Washington In 1873 he became a Washington correspondent and later an editorial writer and travelling correspondent of The Tribune, and continued a member of its ent of The Tribune, and continued a member of its editorial staff until 1882. He then became connected with the Northern Pacific Railroad, and two years later established at St. Paul "The Northwest Magazine." of which he was editor and publisher at the time of his death. He was also secretary of the National Sound Money League. Mr. Smalley was a frequent contributor to many periodicals and newspapers, mainly on subjects relating to the resources and development of the Northwest. He also published "The History of the Northern Pacific Railroad." "The History of the Republican Party," and "The Political History of Minnesots."

He was proud of the fact that he bore a strong Minnesota."

He was proud of the fact that he bore a strong resemblance to President Garfield.

GEORGE C. WALDO. George Clark Waldo, for twenty years president of the Excelsior Savings Bank, at Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave., died early yesterday morning at his home, on Chester Hill, Mount Vernon, where he had been confined by illness for several weeks. Mr. Waldo was the son of Henry Waldo and Sarah and was born in Hudson, N. Y., March 5, 1848. When he was eighteen years old he entered a business college, and after a short course of in-struction set out for New-York City. He was first employed with Ball, Black & Co., jewellers, but after a while secured a place in the old Equitable Savings Bank, at Twelfth-st. and Sixth-ave. Mr. Waldo was soon made secretary of the bank, and served in that capacity while John DeWitt was resident. Mr. DeWitt a few years later was made president of the Excelsior Bank and merged the Equitable into the new institution, taking Mr. Waldo with him as secretary. At the death of President DeWitt Mr. Waldo succeeded him as President DeWitt Mr. Waldo succeeded him as president, and was at that time, it is said, the youngest bank president in the State, being less than thirty-one years old. He carried the institution through several panies with success. Mr. Waldo enjoyed the reputation of being a shrewd financier, and was associated with a number of business enterprises. He was also interested in a number of insurance companies, and was a member of E. L. Post & Co., oil merchants, until that firm dissolved two years ago. Mr. Waldo was frequently consulted on financial matters by theatrical persons. He was a member of a Masonic lodge and of the Manhattan, the Democratic, the Phoenix and the Larchmont yacht clubs. In 1814 he married Miss Florence Adelaide Post, of Westbrook, Conn. A son, Willard Clark Waldo, was born to them. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at No. 228 Prospect-ave, Mount Vernon. The Rev. Charles S. Lane, of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, will officiate, and the honorary pall bearers will be Alfred J. Cammeyer, Robert Dunlap, James Breslin, James C. Yulick, E. L. Merrifield and Henry Daziar. The burial will be in the family plot at Hudson. It will be preceded by a short service at the family homestead.

THE REV. DR. J. THOMAS MURRAY. Baltimore, Dec. 20 (Special).-The Rev. Dr. J. homas Murray, of the Methodist Protestant Church, died here to-day at the age of seventy He was born in Hagerstown, Md., and at the age of twenty-one entered the ministry. Among the pastorates he filled were those at Newark, N. J., Washington, D. C., and Uniontown, For many years he was the Editor of "The Methodist Protestant," the leading paper of his denomination. For the last eight years he had been the manager of the Maryland Tract Socity. For nearly half a century he had been a leader in the councils of his church. He took a prominent part in the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1888, which met with a commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Montgomery, Als., to arrange terms for union. He left three children, Mrs. Mary Norris, wife of William Norris, of this city, Mrs. Fannie E. Benson, wife of the Rev. F. F. Benson, of Centreville, Md., and Thomas A. Murray, of the Baltimore bar.

WILLIAM ALLEN.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 30 (Special).—William Allen, one of the best known residents of this place, died at his home this morning from pneumonia, which he contracted a week ago. He was born in Ireland seventy-seven years ago, and came to Greenwich when scarcely ten years old. was one of the pioneer Irish settlers of Greenwich, amiable, thrifty and a man of sterling qualthe Oliver Mead Farm at Field Point. He had been a member of the Second Congregational Church for nearly half a century. He was the father of twelve children, eight of whom are still living in Greenwich, Tarrytown, Ocean Grove and

SARA PUTNAM LOWELL BLAKE.

Boston, Dec. 30.-After a brief illness Sara Put nam Lowell Blake, the widow of George Baty Blake, died at her home here to-day. She was the daughter of John Amory Lowell, and was born in Roxbury. She had been prominently identified for many years with philanthropic and charitable work, and was also active in matters connected work, and was also active in matters connected with patriotic societies. She was president of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames. Mrs. Blake also belonged to the Massachusetts Society. Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a member of Liberty Tree Chapter of this city, of which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is regent.

CORDELIA L. CONNER.

Cordella L. Conner, widow of the late George Ricard Conner, Commissioner of City Works in Brooklyn and a well known resident of the Eastern District for many years, died at her home, No. 609 Putnam-ave., Brooklyn, yesterday, from pneumonia. She was in her sixty-seventh year, Mrs. Conner had long been an active and highly esteemed member of All Souls' Church, in South Ninth-st. A son and two daughters survive her. The funeral will be held at her home on Tuesday afternoon, and the burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

FRANK B. CROFT.

Frank B. Croft, a brother of Silas C. Croft, Sureyor of the Port, died yesterday at No. 52 West One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st. He was fortyseven years old. He was run over some weeks ago in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., receiving in-juries which resulted fatally.

SIR JAMES PAGET. London, Dec. 30.-The death is announced of Sir James Paget, in his eighty-sixth year.

Sir James Fage.

1814, had been sergeant surgeon to Her Majesty since 1877 and surgeon to the Prince of Wales since 1863. He was also consulting surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and corresponding member of the Institute of France. He was educated at St. Bartholomew's, and began practice in 1837. In St. hartholomew's, and began practice in 1837. In 1875 he was appointed president of the College of Surgeons, and from 1884 to 1895 was vice-chancellor of London University. Among his publications are "Lectures on Surgical Pathology" and "Records of Harvey."

THE FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF ITS EFFECT ON

AMERICAN WINE MAKING INTERESTS. Washington, Dec. 30.—In order to correct a mis-apprehension as to the effect of the pending French reciprocity treaty on wines, the State Department has authorized the statement that, so far from injuriously affecting American wines, this treaty actually secures a reduction of about 25 per cent of duty on California wines imported into France. This has been secured without any corresponding remission of the duty imposed upon French wines imported into the United States.

ARMY AND NAVY RETIREMENTS

Washington, Dec. 30.—The year 1909 will be marked by the statutory retirement of a number consequent promotions in both branches of the ser-Naturally, because of its numerical strength, the changes will be much more numerous in the Army than in the Navy. Among the retirements for age in the Army are those of Major General Wesley Merritt and Brigadler General T. M. Ander-Son.

None of the officers of the highest grade in the Navy will retire on account of age in the coming year. This is somewhat unprecedented, as it is usual for from one to four rear admirals to reach the retiring age every year. The next rear admiral to retire will be F. V. McNair.

GUSTAV H. SCHWAB BETTER.

Gustav H. Schwab, of the North German Lloyd idly recovering from his filness. Mr. Schwab has

GENERAL WOOD'S CABINET.

PROBABLE MEMBERS HIGHLY SATISFAC-TORY TO THE CUBAN ELEMENT.

Havana, Dec. 30.—The names of the members of General Wood's Cabinet and the assignment of portfolios will be issued to-morrow. It is believed that the list will be as follows: Secretary of State and Government-DIEGO TAMAYO.

Secretary of Justice-LUIS ESTEVEZ Secretary of Education-JUAN BAUTISTA HERNAN-DEZ.

etary of Finance-ENRIQUE VARONA. Secretary of Public Works-JOSE RAMON VILLALON.
Secretary of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce-RIUS
RIVERA.

All of these names, with the exception of that of Señor Hernandez, have been expected for the last few days. The mention of the name of Hernandez as Secretary of Education came as a surprise, although he holds an important professorship in the university and is prominent in Cuban national affairs. The papers generally have given the Governor General great credit for the other five appointments, and from a Cuban point of view the Cabinet is considered

Prominent Cubans and other inhabitants of San Antonio de los Banos, in view of the recent attempts to lynch Spaniards, have formed a committee called the Local Council of General Interests, which has issued a circular saying that "in view of the lawlessness of some individuals who wish to outrage the rights of the people, the committee has determined that such outrages shall cease, the committee acting as the sentinel of public order."

The "Heraldo" says there is a growing danger of Cubans and other old workers being underbid in the labor markets of Havana by Spantards, who, coming fresh from Spain, where they are accustomed to work for almost nothing, eagerly snatch any employment for half the usual wages. Instead of allowing immigrants to swamp the labor markets of the towns, the "Heraldo" thinks a bureau should undertake to direct the immigrants to the country districts where work is to be had.

General Wilson has been ordered to report at Washington, and it is believed here that this means he will not return to Cuba.

FUNERAL OF A MAINE VICTIM. PATHER CHIDWICK CELEBRATES A MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

The funeral of Frederick Holzer, twenty-two years old, one of the victims of the battleship Maine, took place at 9:30 o'clock, at Cecilia Hall, yesterday. At 3 o'clock the members of the Cecilia Society to the number of fifty gathered in the hall. A company of forty marines and eight the hall. A company of forty sailors from the Navy Yard, under the command of Lieutenant Dewey, a nephew of Admiral Dewey, landed from a tug at East Seventy-ninth-st, and escorted the hearse. This was followed by fifty coaches containing the mourners and dead man's The procession moved down Avenue A to Eighty-first-st., to First-ave., to Eighty-seventh-st., to St. Joseph's Church. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Father Chidwick. the chaplain of the battleship Maine at Havana. He was assisted by Fathers Weber and Stack, and Father Lamell, the pastor of the church, acted as master of ceremonies. The singing was by the

society.

After the services the body was removed to the hearse, and the pageant went to the Ninety-second-st, ferry, and thence to St. John's Cemetery, A firing party of seventeen marines accompanied the body and fired three volleys at the grave.

SEEKING THEIR FORTUNES IN CUBA. The steamship Yarmouth sailed from Pier No. 6, North River, last night with four hundred passengers, bound for Nuevitas, Cuba, where a company has a tract of land and intends to establish a town, to be known as La Gloria. The passengers came from various parts of the country, and are chiefly tradesmen. It was said there was not enough coal aboard to carry the ship to Nuevitas and back, but the captain ordered the start made, and the Yarmouth sailed three hours late, owing to a strike of coal handlers.

SANITARIUM FOR POOR CONSUMPTIVES.

A BELIEVER IN STATE SUPPORT FOR SUCH A

CHARITY. To the Editor of The Tribune.

interested in what I wish it were in my power to increase the "en-thusiasm" in that direction. Your correspondent Joshua L. Barton, M. D., objects to the large amount of money which must be expended in 'erecting, equipping and managing' such an institution, but when we consider the thousands spent upon such an ephemeral thing as the Dewey parade, the \$2,000,000 saked for does not seem large amount to invest in a substantial charity.

Dr. Barton asserts that tuberculosis is a symptom of malnutrition caused by wrong habits of who live in the densely populated districts of the city and whose conditions are all wrong that this charity is intended to benefit. How can a poor man disabled by disease change those conditions and have well ventilated rooms and a perfect diet with time and the chance to breathe outdoor air

everal hours each day?
The first advice a physician gives is, "Be out all ou can and eat the most nutritious food." To be

The first advice a physician gives is, "Be out an you can and eat the most nutritious food." To be out in the lower part of the city means to walk in a dusty, sunless, windy street. To eat nutritious food one must be able to get it.

I heartily approve of Dr. Barton's plan for educating the children, but until several generations have been educated there will be no appreciable result, and in the mean time are the parents to he left to die, after infecting countless others? The danger of infection from the dried sputum Dr. Barton does not mention. That should be taught to every man, woman and child in the land.

In regard to the cruelty of taking patients from their homes, if Dr. Barton will read the report of the Loomis Sanitarium for Consumptives, at Liberty, N. Y., he will find that they have a large waiting list of patients who are eager to try the "privations" of that institution.

Educate the children, by all means. In the mean time will Dr. Barton write a tract for free distribution among the poor, on "The Proper Diet for Consumptives and How to Get It".

New-York, Dec. 28, 1829.

H. M. L.

PRESS CLUB TO WELCOME NEW YEAR. The New-York Press Club will welcome the New Year at its home, No. 34 West Twenty-sixth-st. Colonel William L. Brown, president of the club, has provided a musical and variety programme. The proceedings will begin at 19 o'clock to-night. Many prominent men have accepted invitations to be present.

NO CITY OF REFUGE LEFT. From The New-Orleans Times-Democrat.

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"A very interesting fact of modern life that seems to have escaped attention," remarked a New-Orleans lawyer the other day, "is that the world has wiped its last City of Refuge off the map. There is no longer any spot on the globe where our fugitives from justice are safe from extradition. When I first began to practise law an American criminal of retiring disposition had a wide range of choice in the matter of foreign residence. Spain, Turkey, Algiers, Japan, Holland, Chill, Equador, the Philippines, Cuba and all of Central America, except British Honduras, guaranteed security to assorted brands of fugitives, from murderers down, and the list of resorts open to simple embezzlers was very much larger. For years, you remember, every runaway bank cashier made a bee line for Canada, and the thing got to be a standing joke, like the mother-in-law gag and the merry quips about plumbers. Nevertheless, the circle kept steadily contracting, and one by one the different countries entered into mutual treaties and put up the bars, so the American crook who wanted a change of air began to find himself in the position of Dick Swiveller, when he checked off the London streets he couldn't traverse without meeting creditors. It was mighty hard work to figure out a safe itinerary. Canada hung tenaciously to the tourist trade, but at last she passed a law against bringing stolen property into the Dominion that practically excluded the filting banker. Japan was one of the last of the distant Powers to adopt a treaty covering what are called crimes against property, and the new proviso was a severe blow to felonious gentlemen in delicate health. It robbed them of the balmy climate of Yokohama.

"Eventually things simmered down to Central America, and then by process of elimination to Spanish Honduras. That was the final stronghold of the fugitive, but in 1898 the Congress of the Nation approved a new treaty clause, containing the usual extradition provisions. So, as I said before, there is now

AN ABUSED WIFE. From The New-York Weekly.

Married Daughter-Oh, dear, such a time as I do have with that husba id of mine! I don't have a minute's peace when he's in the house. He is always calling me to help do something or other. Mother-What does he want now?

Daughter-He wants me to traipse way upstairs just to thread a needle for him, so he can mend his clothes.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

PULLMAN-WAGNER CONSOLIDATION. INJUNCTION SOUGHT TO PREVENT MERGER NOT GRANTED.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- Judge Tuthill, of the Superior Court, to-day refused to issue the injunction prayed for by Truman A. Taylor, a stockholder in the Pullman Palace Car Company, to prevent the merging of that company and the Wagner Palace Car Company, under the name of the Puliman Company. In his ruling Judge Tuthill declared the allegations of the bill did not contain sufficient ground for the issuance of the injunction. It was claimed in the bill of complaint that through the consolidation of the companies a moappoly of the sleeping car business would be secured in violation of the Anti-Trust act.

Judge Tuthill held that the sleeping car busi-Judge Tuthill held that the sleeping car bustness was in the control of the railroad companies and combination between them would have to be shown before any monopoly of the business could be declared. The sleeping car companies, said Judge Tuthill, are only the agents of the railroads, acting under contracts, as do the other employes of the railroads.

The transfer of the stock of the Pullman company for the purchase of the Wagner company property can now be consummated. The decision of the Court sustained the contentions advanced by the counsel for the Pullman company.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE READING. RESULT OF THE NEW TRAFFIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL.

Reading, Penn., Dec. 29 (Special).—Since the Reading Railway has secured traffic relations with the New-York Central it has expended a large sum of money in making improvements, and the amount of traffic now handled is a record-breaker. On the hamokin Division a complete transformation has taken place. A fine yard has been established at illiamsport, and another at Tamaqua. New fron bridges have been erected on the Catawissa branch. and the last, at Rupert, has just been completed. It spans the north branch of the Susquehanna River. In addition to the improved yard facilities, number of sidings have been put in at different points and considerable double tracks laid at the points where the traffic demanded it. The little schuylidil branch, between Port Clinton and East Mahanoy Junction, has been double tracked for a listance of fifteen miles. This is now in opera-ion.

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The Reading Division has also been receiving attention. All of the main sidings have been lengthened and additional track facilities are now being
prepared at a number of points. A yard has been
laid out at Woodlane capable of holding at least
1,500 cars, and a third track is being laid at Birdsboro. Besides these changes a third track has also
been constructed between Port Kennedy and Valley Forge, and the work of double tracking the
entire Lehanon Valley branch between this city
and Harrisburg is now under way. This will be
completed in a few months. It is now said that
changes and improvements will be made in this
city which will require a further large outlay of
money. This includes an enlargement of the freight
yard here at a cost of \$400,000.

THE COMBINED MICHIGAN SYSTEM.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30 .- At midnight to-morrow the Pere Marquette Railroad Company will take full charge of all the properties of the Flint and Pere Marquette, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western and Chicago and West Michigan lines, and the combined Michigan system, with an aggregate mileage exceeding nineteen hundred miles, will be doing the business of the three. It is stated to-day as probable that the consolidated offices will be in a portion of the Union Station, in Detroit, A deed transferring the Flint and Pere Marquette's property to the Pere Marquette company was filed at Saginaw to-day.

TRAINS ON NEW CHICAGO ELEVATED ROAD. Chicago, Dec. 30 .- The first train, beginning the passenger service on the new Northwestern Elevated Railroad, was run to-day from the Lincolnave, station around the loop and return. In the ers were officials of the road, well known financiers and newspaper reporters, together with a few inrited guests. The completion of this road has been delayed for years. The work has been rushed in the last two weeks night and day, in order to fulfil the agreement whereby the time for finishing the road was limited to January 1, 1900, under penalty of forfeiting \$100,000 to the city. The stations are not all erected, and only one line of track is laid. The line taps the north side of the city, which hitherto has been at the mercy of crowded cable and troiley cars. The cost of the work is estimated at \$9,000,000. delayed for years. The work has been rushed i

PROPOSED EXTENSIONS IN NEW-JERSEY. Morristown, N. J., Dec. 30 .- The interests held in the Rockaway Valley Railroad by the late James N. Pidcock have been purchased by Haines Brothers, of New-York, and F. A. Melick, of Morristown. This gives to the purchasers a controlling interest in the company. They intend to use the road as a have read of the effort to establish a State sani-tarium for the treatment of tuberculosis, and I from Morristown to Whitehouse Junction, on the The Rockaway road is single tracked, and runs

The proposed road will diagonally traverse the northern section of the State, passing through six counties, and will open up new territory that it is expected will furnish much country produce for transportation to the markets of Paterson, Newark and New-York. The promoters of the new railroad are backed financially by Haines Brothers, of New-

York.

To complete the new railroad between Paterson and Trenton it is proposed to build eighteen miles of railroad between Morristown and Paterson, and eleven miles of railroad from Whitehouse to Flemington, where connection will be made that will permit a terminal at the State capital.

By spring it is expected that all will be in readiness to begin the construction of the proposed extentions.

FOR WINTER TRAVELLERS TO THE SOUTH. The Southern Railway is exceeding its record this winter in providing convenient schedules and through car service for the winter travel to Georgia, the Carolinas, Florida, Mexico and California. It is operating from this city over the Pennsylvania Railroad four daily trains, and beginning on January 16, the New-York and Florida Limited, between this city and St. Augustine, resumes service. The equipment of its trains is of a high standard, and all the railway company's through trains have Pullman sleeping and dining car service. At the office of the Southern Raifway, No. 271 Broadway, is an information bureau for all the resorts of the South.

SUPT. RUSSELL HAS NOT RESIGNED.

At the offices of the Lackawanna Rallroad Company, in Hoboken, yesterday, it was announced eral Superintendent Edward G. Russell had resigned. W. B. Hunter, representing the officials of the road, said that Mr. Russell had not enjoyed the best of health for some time. "It was at his own request." said Mr. Hunter, "that a leave of absence was granted him. He is now at the Hot Springs, and when he recovers he will return to his office and assume control of the road as general superintendent, notwithstanding all rumors which may now be prevalent to the contrary. The statement that the friendly relations which existed between Mr. Trucedale and Mr. Russell have been severed has absolutely no foundation, and I am at a loss to understand how it gained circulation. We expect Mr. Russell to return within a few days." of the road, said that Mr. Russell had not en-

FIXED RATES AND NO COMMISSIONS. In accordance with their action recently the general passenger agents of the Eastern trunk lines have sent out a number of circulars fixing a rigid schedule of rates for east and west bound traffic after to-morrow. These circulars also call atten-tion to the agreement abolishing commissions to outside agents or other persons.

OUTLANDERS IN JOHANNESBURG.

THE MOST COSMOPOLITAN TOWN OF ITS SIZE IN THE WORLD.

From The London Mail.

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It must not be thought that the sum total of the Outlanders in the Transvaal is comprised solely of English, French and German.

The case is far different. We are fighting the Boers primarily, of course, to maintain English supremacy in South Africa, but one of the factors in the quarrel, and not the least factor either, is the redress of Outlander grievances. What these grievances are it is not necessary to explain here, but it may not be generally known that the great mass of Outlanders in Johannesburg-without doubt the most cosmopolitan town in the world for its size-contains representatives of such widely diversined nations as English, French, Germans, Austrians, Hungarians, Poles, Italians, Portuguese, Americans, Danes, Swedes, Norwegians, Russians, Chinese, Indians, Malays, Dutch, Greeks, Turks and Rumanians.

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Chinese, Indians, Maiays, Dutch, Greeks, Turks and Rumanians.

Among such a motiey crowd it stands to reason that there should be considerable difference of opinion as to the precise form of government desirable, but there is not the slightest doubt that all these good folks would be happier and more contented under British than under Boer rule. That is, if they conducted themselves honestly.

Of Europeans proper it is not necessary to speak here, because they are mostly lawabiding, hardworking folk, who would be a credit to any progressive community.

But there are exceptions. The Polack or Polish Jew, for instance, who thrives on the illicit drink traffic with the natives in the mines. He conducts no lestituate business, and divides his time between contravening the laws of the country and suborning the officials specially appointed to check his nefarious trade,

Among the extra European Outlanders, perhaps the qualities are the Chinese. There are hundreds

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of them in Johannesburg, and, without exception, they devote their ingenious trade instincts to the conduct of corner grocery stores. At the junction of almost any two of the smaller streets (always at a corner) they open a very simple deal and galvanized iron store.

There is a counter, there are shelves and a goodly stock of all groceries in common use. Owing to their thrifty habits (save for their love of gambling) and the extraordinary paucity of their domestio requirements, they are easily able to undersell their European brother traders, and they rapidly accumulate considerable sums of money.

The Transvani law does not allow of Chinese owning real estate, and consequently their little stores are always nominally in the name of a white man, who is paid for the vicarious use of his legal advantages over his Mongolian neighbor.

John Chinaman in the Transvani always discards his native dress, and even coils up his pigtall under his hat. He wears European dress, and wears it rather well, too. He always looks dapper and neat, and keeps his shop, too, in apple ple order.

As elsewhere, however, the Chinaman cannot restrain his love of gambling. In Johannesburg there are a dozen well known Chinese gambling houses, where fan-tan is played, and which are periodically raided by the police, only to be reopened a couple of weeks later.

The Maiays are all loyal British subjects. The men are mostly cabdrivers, grooms and plasterers. The women are all laundresses. They are a peaceful, honest, sober race, and a great addition to the trading community of any town.

Italians seem to have a natural proclivity toward hotel keeping, and in the Transvaal they are no exception to the rule. They also devote themselves with some success to market gardening, and the work people at the dynamite factory are all sons and daughters of Italy.

There are a good many Swedes and Danes in the mines, where they work in perfect harmony with our cousin Jacks.

The Britlosophy of Worry.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF WORRY.

From The Jeweller's Weekly. Doctor—I can't understand why your wife should worry about her jeweiry. She has more pearls and diamonds than any other woman I know.

Mr. Richman—She's constantly afraid she'll hear of another woman who has as many.

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BETTER THAN A LOVE POTION.

From The Jeweller's Weekly.

A NEIGHBORLY VIEW. Caller—Your next door neighbors appear to be very quiet neople.

Mrs. Spinks—Yes. the walls are very thin, and I s'pose the mean things keep quiet to hear what we say. From The New-York Weekly.

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